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SUBJECT: SUGAR: COSTA RICAN SUGAR AND GSP

1. THE GOCR MAY RAISE THE ISSUE OF THE INELIGIBILITY OF THEIR SUGAR EXPORTS FOR DUTY-FREE TREATMENT UNDER OUR GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES (GSP). BASED ON 1974 AND 1975 U.S. IMPORT STATISTICS, U.S. IMPORTS OF COSTA RICAN SUGAR ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR GSP BECAUSE THEY EXCEEDED THE DOLS. 25 MILLION COMPETITIVE NEED LIMITATIONS OF GSP, „E., OUR IMPORTS OF THEIR SUGAR TOTAL SOME DOLS. 32 MILLION IN 1974 AND DOLS. 38 MILLION ;N 1975. THE COSTA RICANS CLAIM HOWEVER THAT OUR STATISTICS ASCRIBE AN UNWARRANTED HIGH

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VALUE TO THEIR SUGAR EXPORTS AND CLAIM THAT IN BOTH YEARS

THE VALUE OF THEIR EXPORT WAS BELOW THE COMPETITIVE NEED
CEILING. THERE MAY BE SOME JUSTIFICATION TO THE CR CLAIM.
HOWEVER, GOCR HAS NOT PROVIDED US WITH THE REASONING AND
STATISTICAL DOCUMENTATION TO SUBSTANTIATE THEIR CLAIM.

2. CONTINGENCY TALKING POINTS:

--YOU HAVE RAISED AN INTERESTING QUESTION WHICH IS
VERY TECHNICAL AND COMPLEX. I AM GOING TO INSTRUCT MY
PEOPLE TO STUDY THE QUESTION AND SEE IF THIS DISCREPANCY
BETWEEN YOUR VALUATION FIGURES AND OURS CAN BE RESOLVED.
--I WOULD URGE YOUR GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE THE STATE
DEPARTMENT WITH DOCUMENTATION SUPPORTING YOUR VIEW. INGERSOLL

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